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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Proposed Amendment to the  
Communications Act of 1934

1. The following is for your information; no action is required.
2. On 1 May 1962 [redacted] and Mr. John Warner, Legislative Counsel, attended a meeting at the Bureau of the Budget in connection with proposed legislation S-2361. This legislation proposes to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit amateur radio operations in the U. S. by resident aliens of certain foreign countries. Essentially this right would be granted only to nationals of countries which permit U. S. personnel overseas to operate amateur radio stations.
3. Present at the meeting were representatives from the Department of Justice (FBI), the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Federal Communications Commission, and this Agency. This Agency's representatives did not voice an Agency opinion in this matter since it dealt primarily with an internal security matter. The remaining group as a whole voiced no major objections to the passage of the bill. The Department of Defense at one point asked for an amendment to the proposed bill which would, "seek assurance from appropriate agencies that these amateurs will not use their facilities for espionage purposes". The FCC indicated it could not give any assurance on this point and that it was wholly unable to cope with the workload that such an amendment would generate. As a consequence, Defense agreed to reword its proposed amendment so as to make it less demanding.
4. The above information has been discussed by telephone with Mr. James Angleton of CI/DDP.

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✓cc: Legislative Counsel

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